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Custer City Public Works Authority receives \$99,998 grant for water system improvements

OKLAHOMA CITY – The Custer City Public Works Authority (Authority) in Custer County received approval for a \$99,998 Rural Economic Action Plan (REAP) grant Tuesday through the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) to improve the Authority's water infrastructure.

The Authority owns and operates a water supply system with three wells which are in need of upgrades. These funds will be used to rehabilitate the wells by reconstruction of the wellheads, utilizing new enclosures, replacing seals, valves, and piping, and addressing electrical system improvements. The estimated cost of the project is \$99,998 which is the amount of the grant requested.

Joe Freeman, chief of the OWRB's Financial Assistance Division, calculated that the grant will save the Authority's customers \$169,600 in principal and interest charges by not having to borrow the project funds. Since 1983 the Water Resources Board has approved over \$6.4 billion in loans and grants for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements throughout Oklahoma.

"We are grateful to Oklahoma Senator Darcy Jech and Oklahoma Representative Anthony Moore for their continued support of water and wastewater infrastructure funding in Oklahoma," said Julie Cunningham, OWRB Executive Director.

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